DW_ram_r_w_a_dff

Asynchronous Dual-Port RAM (Flip-Flop-Based)

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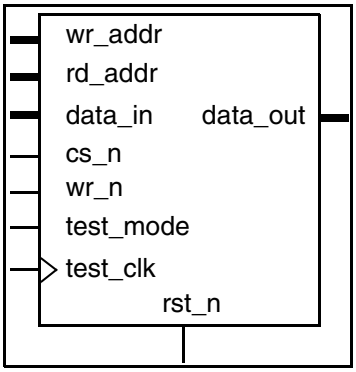
Features and Benefits

Revision History

- Parameterized word depth
- Parameterized data width
- Asynchronous static memory
- Parameterized reset implementation
- High testability using DFT Compiler



Description

DW_ram_r_w_a_dff implements a parameterized, asynchronous, dual-port static RAM.

Table 1-1 Pin Description

Pin Name	Width	Direction	Function
rst_n	1 bit	Input	Reset, active low
cs_n	1 bit	Input	Chip select, active low
wr_n	1 bit	Input	Write enable, active low
test_mode	1 bit	Input	Enables `test_clk`
test_clk	1 bit	Input	Test clock to capture data during `test_mode`
rd_addr	ceil($\log_2$[*depth*]) bits	Input	Read address bus
wr_addr	ceil($\log_2$[*depth*]) bits	Input	Write address bus
data_in	*data_width* bits	Input	Input data bus
data_out	*data_width* bits	Output	Output data bus

Table 1-2 Parameter Description

Parameter	Values	Description
data_width	1 to 256 Default: None	Width of `data_in` and `data_out` buses
depth	2 to 256 Default: None	Number of words in the memory array (address width)
rst_mode	0 or 1 Default: 1	Determines if the rst_n input is used. ■ 0: `rst_n` initializes the RAM ■ 1: `rst_n` is not connected

Table 1-3 Synthesis Implementations

Implementation Name	Function	License Feature Required
rtl[a]	Synthesis model	DesignWare

a. The implementation, “rtl,” replaces the obsolete implementation, “str.” Existing designs that specify the obsolete implementation (“str”) will automatically have that implementation replaced by the new superseding implementation (“rtl”) as will be noted by an information message (SYNDB-36) generated during DC compilation.

Table 1-4 Simulation Models

Model	Function
DW06.DW_RAM_R_W_A_DFF_CFG_SIM	VHDL simulation configuration
dw/dw06/src/DW_ram_r_w_a_dff_sim.vhd	VHDL simulation model source code
dw/sim_ver/DW_ram_r_w_a_dff.v	Verilog simulation model source code

The write data enters the RAM through the `data_in` input port, and is read out at the `data_out` port. The RAM is constantly reading regardless of the state of `cs_n`.

The `rd_addr` and `wr_addr` ports are used to address the *depth* words in memory. For read addresses beyond the maximum depth (for example, `rd_addr` = 7 and `depth` = 6), then the `data_out` bus is driven low. For `wr_addr` beyond the maximum depth, nothing occurs and the data is lost. No warnings are given during simulations when an address beyond the scope of *depth* is used.

Attention This component contains clock signals for internal flip-flops that are derived from the `wr_n` and `test_clk` ports. To keep hold times and internal clock skews to a minimum, you should consider instances of this component to be individual floorplanning elements.

Chip Selection, Reading and Writing

The cs_n input is the chip select, active low signal that enables data to be written to the RAM. The RAM is constantly reading, regardless of the state of cs_n.

When cs_n is low and there is a low-to-high transition of the write enable, wr_n, data is written to the RAM on the rising edge of wr_n or cs_n. If rd_addr and wr_addr are the same values, data passes through the RAM (data_in equals data_out) after the low-to-high transition of wr_n.

When cs_n is high, writing to the RAM is disabled.

Reset

The rst_n port is an active low input that initializes the RAM to zeros if the rst_mode parameter is set to 0, independent of the value of cs_n. If the rst_mode parameter is set to 1, rst_n does not affect the RAM, and should be tied high or low. In this case, synthesis optimizes the design, and does not use the rst_n signal.

Making the RAM Scannable

DW_ram_r_w_a_dff may be made scannable using DFT Compiler. Use the set_test_hold 1 test_mode command before insert_scan.

The test_mode signal, when active (high), selects the test_clk port to control the capture of data into the RAM. The test_mode signal may be tied low if a scannable design is not required. When test_mode is driven low, synthesis optimizes the design, and does not connect the test_mode and test_clk signals.

Attention For scannable designs, the test_mode signal should only be active during scan shifting (when scan enable is active). When test_mode is active, all RAM addresses are written with the data_in value at the rising edge of test_clk. When test_mode and scan enable are both active, the data currently in the RAM are shifted out for viewing the state of the RAM.

Application Notes

DW_ram_r_w_a_dff is intended to be used as small scratch-pad memory or register file. Because DW_ram_r_w_a_dff is built from the cells within the ASIC cell library, it should be kept small to obtain an efficient implementation. If a larger memory is required, you should consider using a hard macro RAM from the ASIC library in use.

Suppressing Warning Messages During Verilog Simulation

The Verilog simulation model includes macros that allow you to suppress warning messages during simulation.

To suppress all warning messages for all DWBB components, define the DW_SUPPRESS_WARN macro in either of the following ways:

- Specify the Verilog preprocessing macro in Verilog code:

  ```
  `define DW_SUPPRESS_WARN
  ```

- Or, include a command line option to the simulator, such as:

  `+define+DW_SUPPRESS_WARN` (which is used for the Synopsys VCS simulator)

The warning messages for this model include the following:

- If values other than 1 or 0 are present on a clock port, the following message is displayed:

  ```
  WARNING: <instance_path>.<clock_name>_monitor:
      at time = <timestamp>, Detected unknown value, x, on <clock_name> input.
  ```

  To suppress only this warning message for all DWBB components, use the following macro:

  - Define the DW_DISABLE_CLK_MONITOR macro. You can define this macro in the following ways:
    - Specify the Verilog preprocessing macro in Verilog code:

      ```
      `define DW_DISABLE_CLK_MONITOR
      ```

    - Or, include a command line option to the simulator, such as:

      `+define+DW_DISABLE_CLK_MONITOR` (which is used for the Synopsys VCS simulator)

  This message is also suppressed using the DW_SUPPRESS_WARN macro explained earlier.

Timing Waveforms

The figures in this section show timing diagrams for various conditions of DW_ram_r_w_a_dff.

Figure 1-1 Instantiated RAM Timing Waveforms

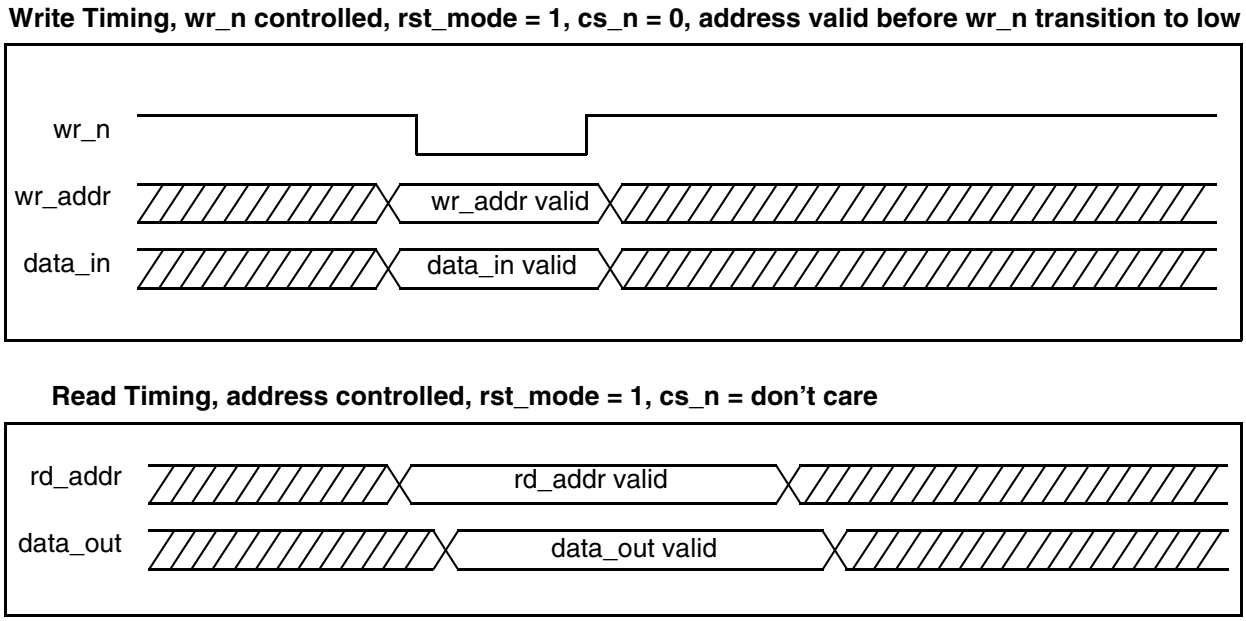
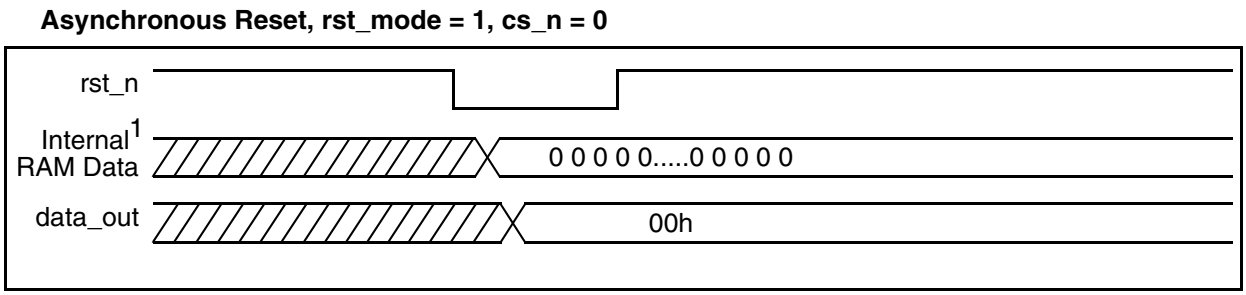


Figure 1-2 RAM Reset Timing Waveform



[1] Internal RAM Data is the array of memory bits; the memory is not available to users.

Related Topics

- Memory – Synchronous RAMs Listing
- DesignWare Building Block IP User Guide

HDL Usage Through Component Instantiation - VHDL

```
library IEEE,DWARE;
use IEEE.std_logic_1164.all;
use DWARE.DWpackages.all;
use DWARE.DW_foundation_comp.all;

entity DW_ram_r_w_a_dff_inst is
  generic (inst_data_width : INTEGER := 8;
           inst_depth      : INTEGER := 8;
           inst_rst_mode   : INTEGER := 0 );
  port (inst_rst_n     : in std_logic;
        inst_cs_n      : in std_logic;
        inst_wr_n      : in std_logic;
        inst_test_mode : in std_logic;
        inst_test_clk  : in std_logic;
        inst_rd_addr : in std_logic_vector(bit_width(inst_depth)-1 downto 0);
        inst_wr_addr : in std_logic_vector(bit_width(inst_depth)-1 downto 0);
        inst_data_in : in std_logic_vector(inst_data_width-1 downto 0);
        data_out_inst: out std_logic_vector(inst_data_width-1 downto 0) );
end DW_ram_r_w_a_dff_inst;

architecture inst of DW_ram_r_w_a_dff_inst is
begin

  -- Instance of DW_ram_r_w_a_dff
  U1 : DW_ram_r_w_a_dff
    generic map (data_width => inst_data_width,   depth => inst_depth,
                 rst_mode => inst_rst_mode )
    port map (rst_n => inst_rst_n,   cs_n => inst_cs_n,   wr_n => inst_wr_n,
              test_mode => inst_test_mode,   test_clk => inst_test_clk,
              rd_addr => inst_rd_addr,   wr_addr => inst_wr_addr,
              data_in => inst_data_in,   data_out => data_out_inst );
end inst;

-- pragma translate_off
configuration DW_ram_r_w_a_dff_inst_cfg_inst of DW_ram_r_w_a_dff_inst is
  for inst
  end for; -- inst
end DW_ram_r_w_a_dff_inst_cfg_inst;
-- pragma translate_on
```

HDL Usage Through Component Instantiation - Verilog

```
module DW_ram_r_w_a_dff_inst(inst_rst_n, inst_cs_n, inst_wr_n,
                             inst_test_mode, inst_test_clk, inst_rd_addr,
                             inst_wr_addr, inst_data_in, data_out_inst );
  parameter data_width = 8;
  parameter depth = 8;
  parameter rst_mode = 0;
  `define bit_width_depth 3 // ceil(log2(depth))

  input inst_rst_n;
  input inst_cs_n;
  input inst_wr_n;
  input inst_test_mode;
  input inst_test_clk;
  input [`bit_width_depth-1 : 0] inst_rd_addr;
  input [`bit_width_depth-1 : 0] inst_wr_addr;
  input [data_width-1 : 0] inst_data_in;
  output [data_width-1 : 0] data_out_inst;

  // Instance of DW_ram_r_w_a_dff
  DW_ram_r_w_a_dff #(data_width,   depth,   rst_mode)
    U1 (.rst_n(inst_rst_n),   .cs_n(inst_cs_n),   .wr_n(inst_wr_n),
        .test_mode(inst_test_mode),   .test_clk(inst_test_clk),
        .rd_addr(inst_rd_addr),   .wr_addr(inst_wr_addr),
        .data_in(inst_data_in),   .data_out(data_out_inst) );
endmodule
```

Revision History

For notes about this release, see the *DesignWare Building Block IP Release Notes*.

For lists of both known and fixed issues for this component, refer to the STAR report.

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July 2020	DWBB_201912.5	■ Adjusted content and title of "Suppressing Warning Messages During Verilog Simulation" on page 4 and added the DW_SUPPRESS_WARN macro
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